

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A magnetic recording medium comprising:
a substrate;
an underlayer formed on the substrate;
5 a magnetic layer formed on the underlayer, wherein
the magnetic layer comprising crystal grains having
(a) an L1₀ structure mainly including Fe and Pt,
and
(b) 0.1 to 50 atomic percent of at least one
10 element selected from the group consisting of Cu, Au,
Zn, Sn, Pd and Mn; and
a protective layer formed on the magnetic layer.
2. The medium according to claim 1, wherein the
substrate is a glass substrate.
- 15 3. The medium according to claim 1, wherein the
crystal grain has a composition represented by the
following formula:
$$(\text{Fe}_{1-x}\text{Pt}_x)_{100-y}\text{M}_y$$

where x ranges from 0.4 to 0.6, y ranges from 0.1
20 to 50, M is at least one element selected from the
group consisting of Cu, Au, Zn, Sn, Pd and Mn.
4. The medium according to claim 3, wherein x
ranges from 0.4 to 0.56, y ranges from 3 to 20.
5. The medium according to claim 1, wherein the
25 magnetic layer has a thickness of 50 nm or less.
6. A magnetic recording medium comprising:
a substrate;

10050418-011802

an underlayer formed on the substrate;

a magnetic layer formed on the underlayer, wherein
the magnetic layer comprising crystal grains having

5 (a) an L1₀ structure mainly including Fe and Pd,
and

(b) 0.1 to 50 atomic percent of at least one
element selected from the group consisting of Cu, Au,
Zn, Sn and Mn; and

a protective layer formed on the magnetic layer.

10 7. The medium according to claim 6, wherein the
substrate is a glass substrate.

8. The medium according to claim 6, wherein the
crystal grain has a composition represented by the
following formula:

15 $(\text{Fe}_{1-x}\text{Pd}_x)_{100-y}\text{M}_y$

where x ranges from 0.4 to 0.6, y ranges from 0.1
to 50, M is at least one element selected from the
group consisting of Cu, Au, Zn, Sn and Mn.

20 9. The medium according to claim 8, wherein x
ranges from 0.4 to 0.56, y ranges from 3 to 20.

10. The medium according to claim 6, wherein the
magnetic layer has a thickness of 50 nm or less.

11. A magnetic recording medium comprising:

a substrate;

25 an underlayer formed on the substrate;

a magnetic layer formed on the underlayer, wherein
the magnetic layer comprising crystal grains having

10050118-011802

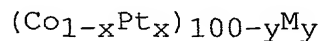
(a) an L1₀ structure mainly including Co and Pt,
and

(b) 0.1 to 50 atomic percent of at least one
element selected from the group consisting of Ni, Au
and Mn; and

a protective layer formed on the magnetic layer.

12. The medium according to claim 11, wherein the
substrate is a glass substrate.

13. The medium according to claim 11, wherein the
crystal grain has a composition represented by the
following formula:



where x ranges from 0.4 to 0.6, y ranges from 0.1
to 50, M is at least one element selected from the
group consisting of Ni, Au and Mn.

14. The medium according to claim 13, wherein x
ranges from 0.4 to 0.56, y ranges from 3 to 20.

15. The medium according to claim 11, wherein the
magnetic layer has a thickness of 50 nm or less.